

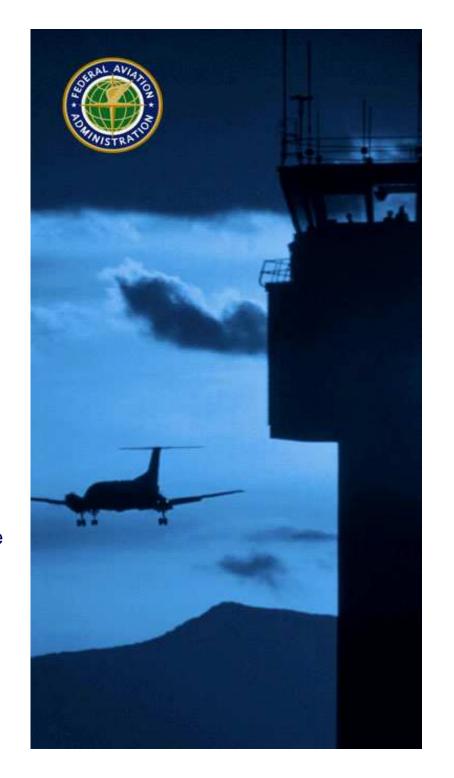
# The Voluntary Low Emissions (VALE) Program

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## VALE began in 2005 Targets airport ground emission sources



#### **VALE Program Benefits**

- Improves air quality/reduces GHGs

  Current 23 projects represent

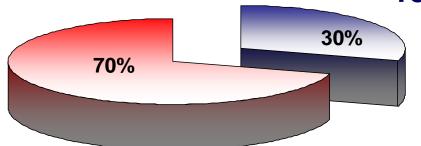
  Cars-Off-Road-Equivalent (CORE)

  of 7,600 cars and trucks for 10 years
- Increases funds for clean technology and more project types
- Incentivizes early action with emission credits
- Reduces operational and fuel costs
- Supports domestic alternative fuels
- Promotes good relations with air quality agencies and the public



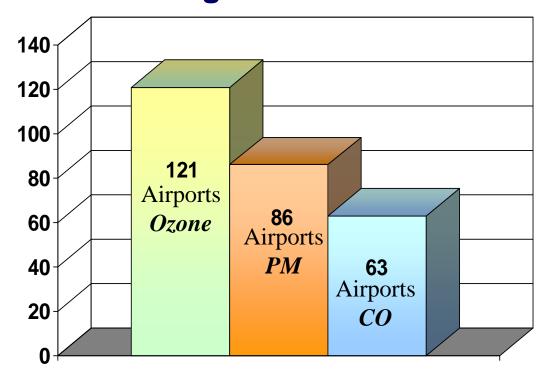
### VALE is for Commercial Service Airports in Nonattainment or Maintenance Areas

156 of 527 CS Airports

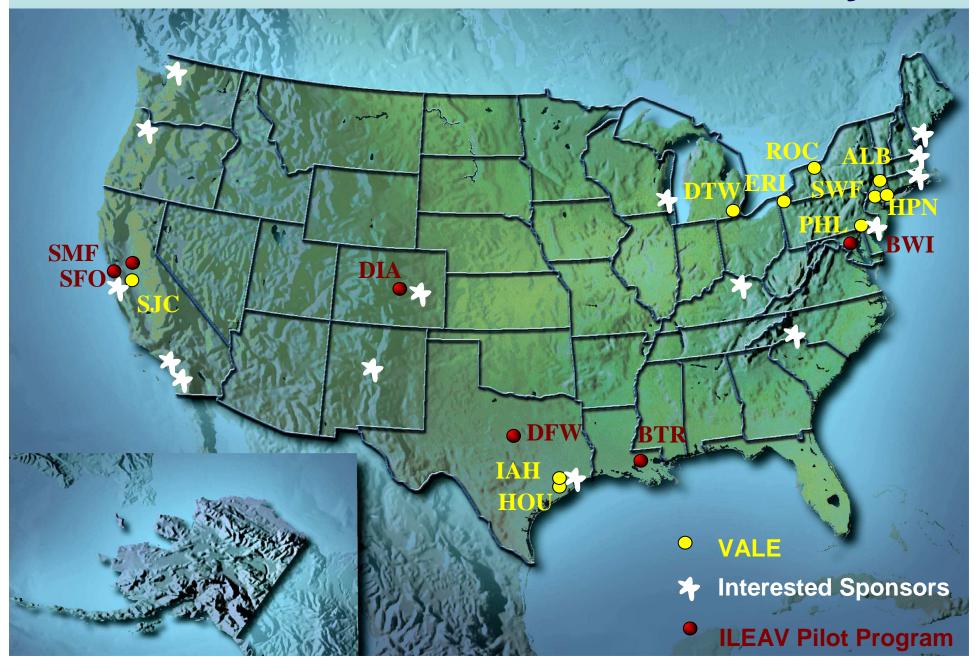


Pollutants of greatest concern

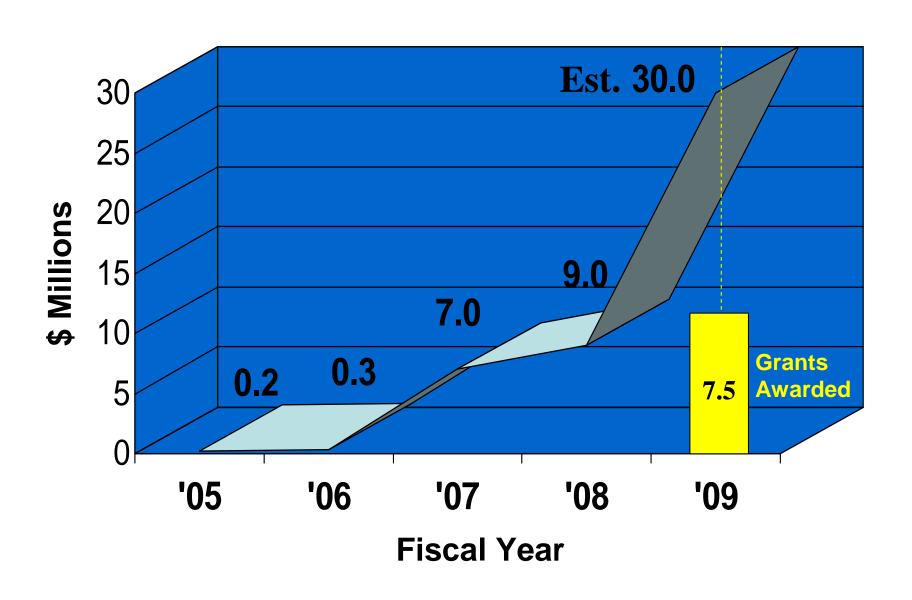
More airports will be affected by new 2010 EPA ozone designations!



### Past, Present, and Future Activity



#### **VALE has High Priority This Year**



#### **Funding Programs**

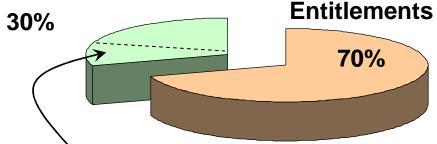
**Airport Improvement Program (AIP)** 

\$3.5 Billion (FY '08)

Passenger Facility Charges (PFC)

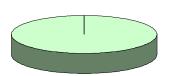
\$2.7 Billion (CY '08)





'noise and air quality set-aside' (35% of discretionary)

**Discretionary** 



**No VALE Economic Recovery Projects** \$1.1 Billion (FY '09)

#### Requirements

#### AIP Standard Grant Assurances (39)

#### **Examples:**

- Competitive bids
- "Buy American"
- Cost Allocation Plan if sponsor claims indirect costs (OMB Circular A-87)

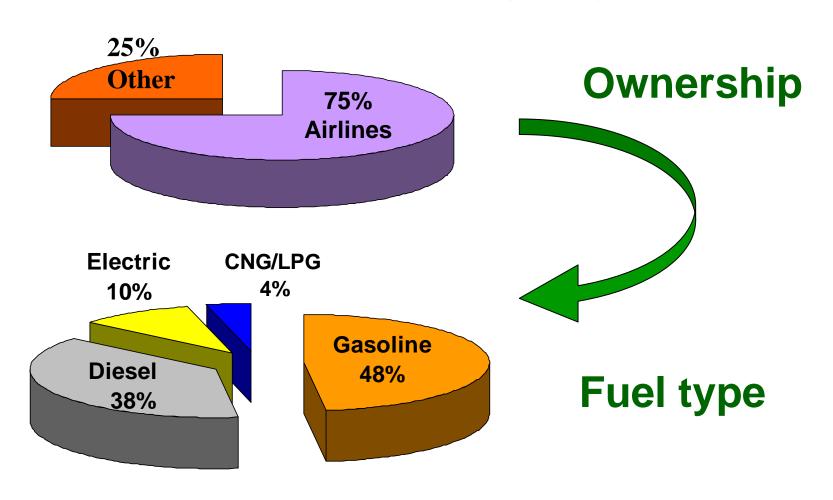
### VALE Special Conditions

- 1. Vehicles remain at airport for useful life
- 2. Airport tracking and record-keeping
- 3. Replace in-kind or cleaner
- 4. Equipment labeling



## FAA is Interested in an Updated National Inventory of General GSE Data

72,000 GSE total (2000)



## VALE eGSE Projects at Philadelphia with US Airways and United



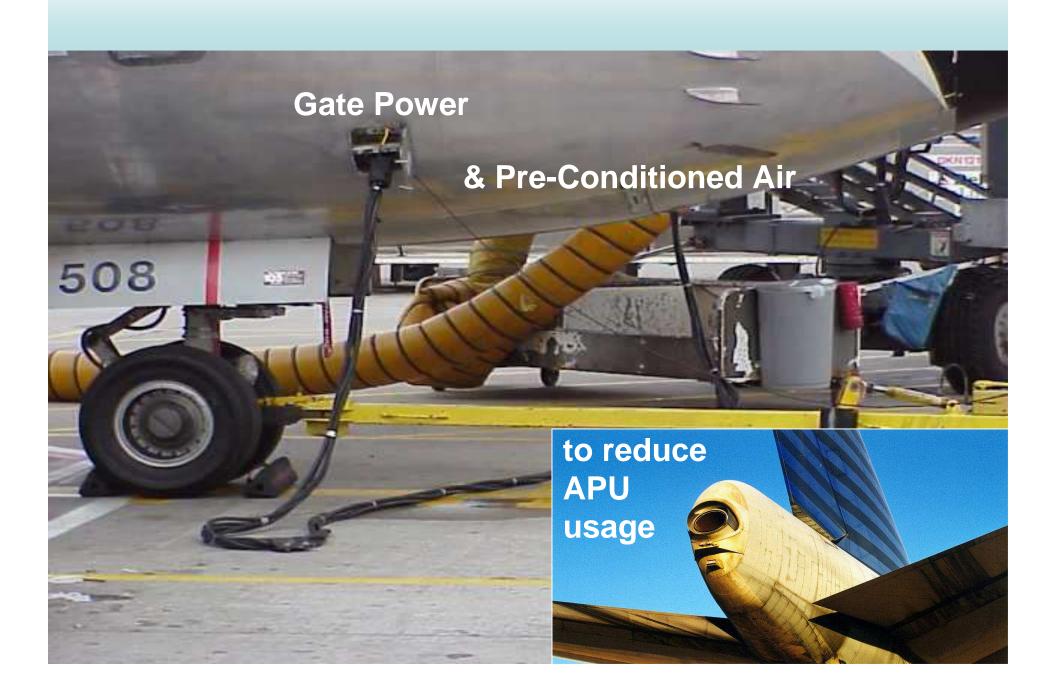
#### **Hybrid Light-Duty Vehicles at Houston**

that meet VALE EPA-Based Low-Emission Standards



### **Vehicle Eligibility**

AIP	PFC			
New and retrofit vehicles that meet low-emission standards				
GSE and <u>airport-dedicated</u> on-road vehicles				
Incremental costs only (no base costs or O&M)				
Alternative fuels	and clean conventional			
and hybrids	fuels			
Airport owned or leased	and tenant owned			
95% or 75%	100%			
Federal share	PFCs			

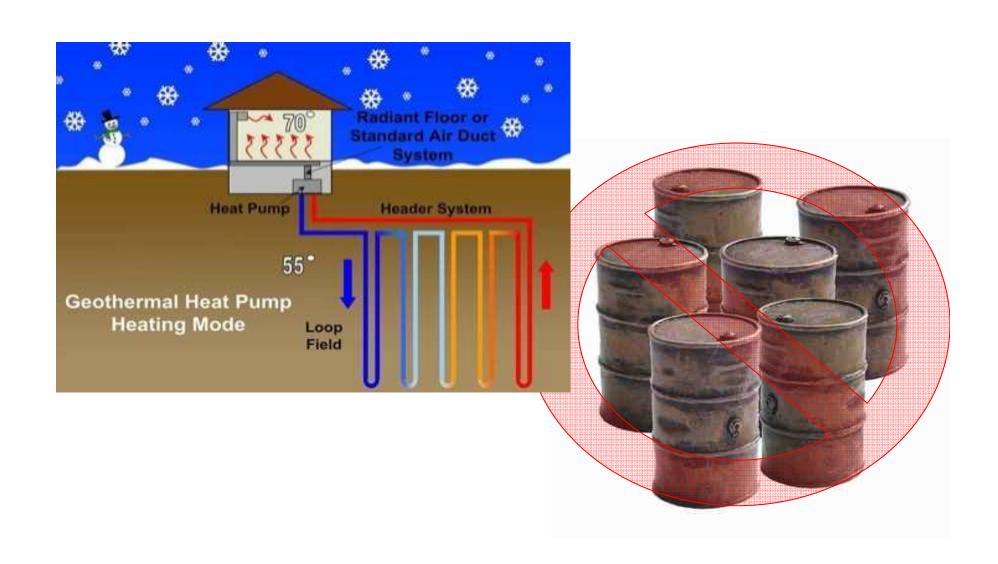




### New/Upgraded CNG Stations & CNG Shuttles at Rochester & Albany NY



## Incremental Cost of Alternative Fuel HVAC Systems (e.g., GeoExchange)



# Houston (IAH) Infrastructure Projects VALE's Small Share Based on Available Emission Reductions and Credits

Underground Fuel Hydrant System at Terminal B

**Automated People Mover between Terminal A and other Terminals** 



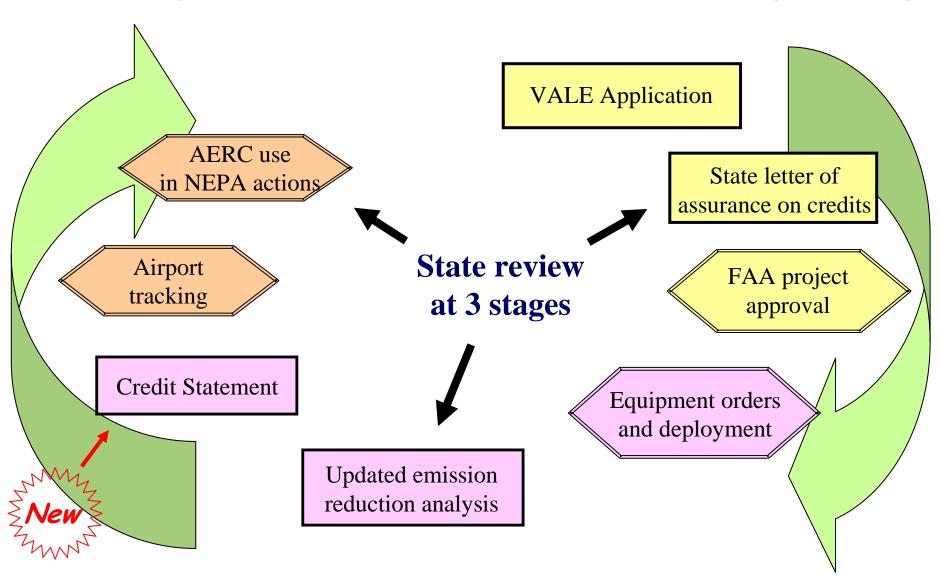
## VALE Cost-Share Considerations on Large Infrastructure Projects

- Basic eligibility for VALE AIP projects
  - Main purpose is air quality
  - Is "critical difference" to financial feasibility or CAA requirements
  - Located within airport boundary
  - Technology is proven and commercially viable (no R&D)
  - Equipment is airport owned or leased
  - Non revenue-producing (e.g., parking lots, rental car facilities, fuel farms)

#### Cost-sharing factors

- Public use areas of terminals and buildings
- Portion related to VALE (e.g., central air or electrical upgrades)
- Incremental costs of alternative fuel systems, if comparison exists
- Maximum available emission reductions and credits (e.g. Houston)
- Applied Federal AIP share

### State AQ Agency Approval Required for Airport Emission Reduction Credits (AERCs)



#### Why Should Airports "Load Up" AERCs

- Protects emission reductions from voluntary airport efforts
- Offers flexibility available when needed for any future development



- Valuable in General Conformity
  - Earned on 1:1 basis by pollutant
  - Applied as design measures to de minimis levels
- Avoids costs of more expensive offsets (trading) or mitigation

#### **Texas CEQ 2008 AERC Statement**

#### Annualized methodology by pollutant over the project lifetime

### AERC STATEMENT FOR APPLICATION TO FUTURE GENERAL CONFORMITY REQUIREMENTS

### George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) – Houston Airport System VALE Projects in 2005 and 2007 (tons)

Year	CO	VOC	NOx	PM-10	PM-2.5
2008	1.403	0.079	0.113	0.007	0.003
2009	1.022	0.063	0.118	0.007	0.003
2010	0.813	0.044	0.096	0.007	0.003
2011	0.363	0.014	0.059	0.006	0.002
2012	0.363	0.014	0.059	0.006	0.002
2013	0.363	0.014	0.059	0.006	0.002
2014	0.363	0.014	0.059	0.006	0.002
2015	0.208	0.007	0.017	0.001	0.000
2016	0.208	0.007	0.017	0.001	0.000
<b>Cumulative Total</b>	5.106	0.597	0.256	0.047	0.017

#### For more information...

Google "FAA VALE" to reach the web address: www.faa.gov/airports\_airtraffic/airports/environmental/vale

- Available information on the website
  - Technical Report with section on how to apply
  - New VALE brochure
  - Updated list of eligible airports
- Coordinate early with the FAA Region or ADO
  - AIP/PFC/VALE guidance
  - Application review
  - Compliance

